

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of April 28, 2014

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, April 28, 2014
at 6:30 PM
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:49

Members Present: Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin, Eric Piette

Members Absent: : Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, RFP for Forestdale Schoolhouse

Approval of Minutes from March 24 2014

Minutes from the March 24 meeting was unanimously approved.

Applications

None

New Business

- A. Update: meeting with RI D.O.T. et al. for Old Stone Arch Bridge 90% Design Submission
 - 1. Jeff Harris, who attended the RI D.O.T. meeting as representative of the NSHDC, reviewed points discussed by various parties in attendance which included representation from RI Historic Preservation Commission as well as additional North Smithfield Town representatives.
 - 2. Discussion included, but not limited to, review of surroundings including pedestrian walkways on both sides of bridge, ADA compliant ramp, questions on possible historic nature of nearby stonewall, and type of guard rails.
- B. Review/discussion/vote to proceed on RFP for Forestdale Schoolhouse.
 - 1. Pre-Proposal conference for RFP is set for May 12th, 2014.
 - 2. Deadline for RFP and fee proposal is set for June 20th, 2014 by 2:00 pm.
 - 3. Receipt of proposals will be accepted at Forestdale Schoolhouse on June 20th, between 9:00 am and 2:00pm. and other modes of submission possible (not specifically identified as of this meeting) as long as received by June 20th, 2:00 pm.
 - 4. Intended date for contractor selection is set for June 23, 2014.
 - 5. Submission of application by North Smithfield Heritage Association in collaboration with NSHDC requesting grant from Levy Foundation will be made in time to meet Foundation's July deadline.
 - 6. If Levy funding is received, goal is to sign contract in first week of September and completion of Master Plan by October 20, 2014.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
 - 1. Finalize Documentation.

B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).

1. Will aid NS Heritage Association with application for Levy grant to pursue Master Plan of use and condition of Forestdale Schoolhouse building and grounds.

C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):

1. Is pursuing the CLG Grant to fund printing and distribution of Standard and Guidelines brochure.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:37

Motion: Jeff Fontaine

Seconded: Eric Plette

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28 , 2014